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TAGS: MOPS IS LE
SUBJ: JERUSALEM POST REPORTS RETREAT OF UNIFIL TROOPS FROM
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PRESENT POSITIONS MIGHT DELAY IDF PULLBACK

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IN AN EXCLUSIVE REPORT, THE JERU-
SALEM POST (GOODMAN) QUOTED AN "AUTHORITATIVE MILITARY
SOURCE" AS STATING THAT ANY WITHDRAWAL BY THE FRENCH UNIFIL
CONTINGENT FROM THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS
TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE TERRORISTS WOULD ENDANGER

UNIFIL'S CREDIBILITY AND MIGHT DELAY ISRAEL'S FINAL WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. THE SOURCE HAD BEEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THE FRENCH WERE CONSIDERING REDEPLOYING IN THE TYRE AREA AND WITHDRAWING FROM CURRENT POSITIONS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE CONTACT WITH THE TERRORISTS AND REDUCE CASUALTIES.

2. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT ANY RETREATS BY UN FORCES WOULD BE, AS FAR AS ISRAEL WAS CONCERNED, A BLOW TO THE UN'S CREDIBILITY AS A VIABLE DETERRENT TO THE TERRORISTS. WEAKNESS BY THE FRENCH AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TERRORIST PRESSURE WOULD CONSTITUTE AN OPEN INVITATION FOR INCREASED ACTIVITY. THE SOURCE HINTED THAT ANY FALLBACK BY UNIFIL TROOPS WOULD FORCE ISRAEL TO CAREFULLY RECONSIDER ANY COMMITMENT TO PULL BACK FROM THE 10 KM DEEP STRIP OF SOUTH LEBANON STILL OCCUPIED BY THE IDF. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. GOODMAN PREFERRED NOT TO REVEAL THE NAME OF HIS SOURCE BUT STATED HE WAS A HIGH-LEVEL OFFICER IN THE IDF.

4. DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN, DURING ABRIEFING OF THE CORPS OF MILITARY ATTACHES TODAY, TOLD THE ATTACHES HE BELIEVES UNIFIL IS DOING A GOOD JOB AND SINGLED OUT THE FRENCH ATTACHE FOR COMPLIMENTS. HE ALSO TOLD THE ATTACHES, "DONT BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ IN THE PAPERS - AT LEAST ALL THE TIME." LEWIS
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